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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, RP, CH

SUBJECT: VISIT OF MRS. MARCOS TO PEKING

REF: MANILA 9258

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO CONFIRMED TO ME EVENING AUGUST 2 THAT MRS. MARCOS IS CURRENTLY PLANNING TO ARRIVE PEKING AUGUST 17. SHE WILL NOT RPT NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY ANY SENIOR FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS, SINCE TRIP WILL BE BILLED AS CULTURAL VISIT.

2. HER PRINCIPAL ESCORT WILL BE HER BROTHER, GOVERNOR BENJAMIN (KOKOY) ROMUALDEZ, WHO MADE INITIAL CONTACT WITH PRC OFFICIALS IN PEKING IN 1972. GOP DOES NOT RPT NOT YET HAVE CLEAR VIEW WHO WILL BE CHINESE OFFICIAL HOST, AND SPECULATES PARTICULARLY ON WHAT ROLE MME CHIANG CHING WILL PLAY IN THIS TRIP.

3. ALTHOUGH ADVANCE MAN GONZALES WILL CALL ON USLO NEXT WEEK TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE IN PLANNING TRIP, GOP UNDERSTANDABLY DESIRES TO CARRY OUT THIS ENTERPRISE ON ITS OWN. THE GROUP WILL HAVE ITS OWN COMMUNICATIONS
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EQUIPMENT AND OTHERWISE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHINESE

HOSTS, EXPECTS TO BE SELF-CONTAINED. MRS. MARCOS MAY
BE ACCOMPANIED BY AT LEAST TWO OF THE MARCOS CHILDREN.

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